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Note from the desk of:
Executive Director,
Crystal L. McCall Ruark

September/October 2025



How is it possible that we are already in the month of September? This year is flying by way to quickly. I hope everyone enjoyed your summer and are ready to welcome Fall and all the activities that it has to offer. From Fall leaves, pumpkins, festivals, football, to the FFA Tractor Parade, to Explore Fleming County's Covered Bridge Celebration to numerous fall school, church, organizations fundraisers and various vendor events; there is sure to be something for everyone to partake in.

We encourage you to purchase your tickets, come out, and join us for this year's **Annual Chamber Awards Dinner**. Help us celebrate our nominees, as well as those who will be named as this year's 2025 Chamber Awards recipients. Dinner will be held on **Saturday, September 27th, 6:00pm in the Event Barn at Echo Valley**. Partnership tickets have been mailed, a list of nominees are enclosed and **the cost of tickets are \$50 per person prior to Friday, September 19th. After the 19th, tickets will increase to \$75 per person.** Dinner will be catered by: V&V Catering. The Chamber Board of Directors are also seeking donations for our Live Auction. It is our hope to get the items photographed and listed on social media prior to the event. We sincerely appreciate your continued support of our Chamber, our board and staff and the many programs and events that we offer throughout the year.

The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce would like to say a special Thank You to all those who have reached out to us this year and asked us to partner with them in some way on projects and events. We are always willing and happy to serve our local businesses, our community and region in any way that we can.

We will soon start making preparation for 2026 and we look forward to your feedback and areas of interest that you'd like the Chamber to focus on for your businesses, moving forward into the New Year.

I look forward to seeing everyone on **Friday, September 19th at our next Connections over Coffee Networking Event**. This is a **FREE** event and will be hosted by the Fleming County Extension Office from 7:30am to 9:00am. We hope that you'll stop by and see us while grabbing a coffee on your way to work.

Mark your calendars as well for the **2025 Fleming County FFA Tractor Parade and Explore Fleming County's Covered Bridge Celebration which will be held on Friday, October 3rd**. Parade will begin at 1pm in downtown Flemingsburg. The Covered Bridge Celebration will begin at 3:30pm at Grange City Covered Bridge and then traveling to Ringo's Mill and then to the Goddard Covered Bridge.

Respectfully,
Crystal L. McCall Ruark
Executive Director

Fleming County Chamber Office / 165 W. Water Street, Flemingsburg, KY

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Thank You!

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**DJE Construction
Double D Trailer Parts and Service
Egan Technology Services
Emily B. Sapp Insurance
Family Medicine Associates of Flemingsburg
Fleming County Golf Association
Fleming County Public Library
Golden Rule Vinyl Inc.
Hypac Hydraulics
Michael R. Gray Funeral Home
Pollock Solutions
Story's Barbershop
The Hairloft LLC**

New Members for 2025

- Dandy's Dumpster Rentals
- Egan Technology Services — Copper Partner
- Golden Rule Vinyl
- Harrison Memorial Hospital — Platinum Partner
- Hazelrigg Appraisals
- The Grooming Barn
- The Topsy Trailer
- UK St. Claire

Save the Date:

Friday, October 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

22nd Annual Fleming County FFA Tractor Parade



Explore Fleming County

Seeking new members/volunteers to join us in promoting the many assets we have here in Flemingsburg/Fleming County From Covered Bridges, Murals, Barn Quilts, Historic Building and Architecture, walking trails and so much more. Our next meeting will be held at the Chamber office.

165 W. Water Street, Flemingsburg
Wednesday September 10th
@ 8:30 am



Are you taking advantage of the extra benefits associated with your membership in the Chamber?

The following are programs Members have an opportunity to participate in:



- **Chamber Advance Employer offers Health Insurance** through Anthem.... Give the Hinton Agency a call to learn more!
 - **Discounts on Workers Comp. Coverage** through ClearPath Reach out to the Kentucky Chamber to learn more!
 - **Discount on Office Supplies** through Staples!
 - **Chamber Gift Check Program**
- *Free for Members to participate in, sign up at the Chamber office



Be sure to take full advantage of your investment in the Chamber.

Please join us on Friday, October 3rd for a celebration of the restoration of our Historic Wooden Covered Bridges.

This event will begin at Grange City beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Please watch our Facebook Page, Explore Fleming County as well as the local newspaper for more information on this event.



Save the Date
October 3, 2025
3:30pm; starting at
Grange City



Join Fleming County, Kentucky as they celebrate the re-opening of their currently restored Historic Wooden Covered Bridges.



Follow Explore Fleming County on Social Media for event details.



2025 Kentucky Small Business Development Center at Morehead State University Annual Gateway & Buffalo Trace Small Business Awards

Congratulations to all those who were nominated in the various categories and to those who received an award. The Fleming County had six businesses nominated for this year's SBDC Awards of which five are members of the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce.

*****Chamber Member ~ Ada June's Boutique, Alexa Channing Copher, owner**

*****Chamber Member ~The Hairloft, Misty Dunaway, owner**

***J&S Monument, Christopher Smoot & JP Tranbarger, owners**

*****Chamber Member ~Rip's Farm Center, Jim & Jennifer Meadows**

*****Chamber Member ~606 Sales And Events, LLC., Chad Bowling & Michele Polley Bowling, owners**

*****Chamber Member ~Cheap Chevrolet, John Hyatt & Paula Hyatt, co-owners**

Congratulations to each of you on your nomination!

Congratulations to Rip's Farm Center, Jim & Jennifer Meadows for receiving the 2025 Agriculture Business of the Year Award, as well as being the overall winner of the 2025 Small Business of the Year Award.

Thank you to Rachel Duvall Bowling, Mike Jackson & Tony Pence for all their hard work and support to our regions businesses!

Are you a Chamber Business who is in need of additional employees?

Reach out to us with your information so we can get you added to our weekly **"Wake Up & Work"** email list and social media posts.

We generate a list of businesses that are hiring within our community and region not only to assist our businesses with finding the right employee but to educate those seeking a new job as to whose hiring.

To ensure that your open positions are included in our **"Wake up and Work"** email them to: haylee@flemingkychamber.com

****Reminder: Once you have filled your positions, please let us know so that we can removed your business from the list.**

Fleming County Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Nominees:

Ag Leader

- 606 Sales & Events
- Rips Farm Center– Jim & Jennifer Meadows
 - First Choice Animal Clinic
 - Fleming Meat Packers
 - Rose Farm Supply
 - Hinton Mills
 - Triple G Quality Meats
 - Farmers Stockyards
 - Windy Ridge Acres

Community Service

- Area Churches
- Fleming County Garden Club
 - Brenda Plummer
- Fleming County Rotary Club-Backpack Program
 - Cheap Chevrolet
 - Flemingsburg Tourism
 - Industrial Field Maintenance
 - 606 Sales & Events
 - Johnathan Gay

Citizen of the Year

- Tim Smith– Fleming County Sheriff
 - Crystal Ruark
 - Daniel Lewis
 - Daniel & Edie Lewis
 - Mark Smith
- The Buffalo Trace CASA Program
 - Woodie Reeves
 - Woody Graham
 - Steve Donovan
- K-9 Team Fleming County Sheriff's Office– K-9 Rex & Deputy James Welch

New Business

- Ada June's Boutique
- Pollock Solutions
- Dandy's Dumpsters
 - DJE Construction
- Industrial Field Maintenance
 - Glass with Sass
- Jill's Spare Thyme Treats, Catering & More

Business/ Employer

- Industrial Field Maintenance
 - Donna Hendrix CPA
 - The Picket Fence
- Double S. Entertainment
 - 606 Sales & Event
- Boone Nickell Funeral Homes(Winston Grannis)
 - Fleming County Sheriff's Office
 - Fleming-Mason Energy
 - Ken's New Market
 - Golden Rule Vinyl
 - Cheap Chevrolet

Educator of the Year

- Amanda Logan– Hillsboro
 - April Whilhoit
 - Becky McGinnis
 - Ashley Ellison-SMS
 - Stephanie Edmond
 - Lindsey Moran
 - Dr. Whitney Wilson
- Fleming County Public Library
- Fleming County Extension Agents (Katie, April, Staci)
 - Todd Watts
 - Nathan Lewis
 - Colton McCann

Health/Wellness

- Fleming County Board of Health/Health Department
 - Kent Kalb
 - Total Care Pharmacy
 - Comprehend
 - Pioneer Trace Group
 - Fleming County Farmers Market
 - CHI Saint Joseph
 - Jill S. Price Dentistry
- Fleming County Hospital—Emergency Department

Congrats to all those who were nominated!!

(see page 12 for more information)

Are you staying up-to-date on the many events, activities and happening taking place in our community and especially with our Chamber Businesses and Organizations?

We invite you to not only check out our online calendar of events at: www.flemingkychamber.com but to also tune into **WFLE 95.1 FM** and listen to 'Our Town' to learn more. **The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce's**

segment of airs on "Our Town" on the First Friday of each month at roughly 10:00 a.m.



Follow us as well in the **Fleming Shopper**, **Flemingsburg Gazette**, **Ledger Independent**, **WFLE Radio**, **FCA-TV** as well as our **Facebook** page...

Fleming County Chamber of Commerce

Fleming County Chamber Businesses who are accepting Chamber Gift Checks

Ada June's Boutique
A.W. Graham Lumber, LLC
Arrick's Propane
Be Still Massage & Wellness
Buffalo Trace Surveying, LLC
ByPass Total Car Care
Cheap Chevrolet
City of Flemingsburg
Community Trust Bank (Main Office Only)
Creativity Yours Salon
Dandy's Dumpster Rentals
Donna J. Hendrix, CPA PSC
Double D Trailer Parts and Services
Double S. Entertainment/JB's Grill
Egan Technology Services
Evening Shade Boutique
Explore Fleming County
Farm House Blessings
First Choice Animal Clinic
Fizer's Carpet
Fleming-Mason Energy
Fleming County Activity & Education Center
Fleming County Hospital
Fleming County Golf Association
Fleming County Public Library
Fleming County Water Association
Flemingsburg Lions Club
Hinton Mills (Flemingsburg only)
Hypac Hydraulics
Jill's Spare Thyme Treats, Catering, & More

Jimmy Hall Trees & Shrubs
Ken's Fresh Foods
Lasting Impressions Flowers & Gifts
LeighAnn's Cream Candy & Creative Confections
McDonald's of Flemingsburg
Masters Acres
Ole Seasons Shoppe
Pollock Solutions
R & W Dumpster Service
Rigdon Retrievers & The Retreat
Rose Farm Supply
Save-a-lot
Shear Style Hair Salon
Simplex Tax and Accounting
Sims Dairy Queen
Southern States of Flemingsburg
Steve's Ace Hardware
Story's Barbershop
The Grooming Barn
The Hairloft
The Picket Fence of Flemingsburg
Tire World of Flemingsburg
Total Care Pharmacy on Clark
Total Care Pharmacy on Main
Triple G. Quality Meats
V & V Catering LLC
WFLE Radio—95.1 FM
Yoder's Dinner Bell Market



Another Awesome Chamber Benefit Are you participating in this program? If not, Why?

The **Fleming County Chamber Gift Check Program** is a **FREE** program to any/all Chamber Members who wish to participate in! **Chamber Gift Checks** can be redeemed at over 60 Chamber Business which are listed above towards the purchase of a Good and/or Service.

Example: If you receive \$25 in Chamber Gift Check and use it at any location above that accepts Chamber Gift Checks, then the business gets to deposit that check in their business account as if it were a personal check. The person spending/paying with the gift checks aren't out anything! It becomes a win-win situation for both parties.

Disclaimer: The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce does **NOT** profit from the Gift Checks Program. All money goes directly towards the business(es) in which the gift checks are used.

NOTE: It is our recommendation that if someone uses a Gift Check with your business and they do not use the entire amount, that you offer them a store credit/gift card for the remaining balance. This is just a recommendation as this program was designed to support local Chamber Businesses and if you are giving back change, there's no guarantee that the remaining balance will be spent locally. If someone purchases, for an example, a Walmart Gift Card they can only use that gift at Walmart and Walmart does not give back cash on monies remaining on their card. Again, this is only our recommendation. As a business owner you're free to handle the remaining balance from the gift check as you see best.

Adventure Day Camp Recap

The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce and Fleming County Cooperative Extension Services were proud to co-host a three-day Adventure Day Camp filled with hands-on learning, creativity, and community connection for 18 local campers.

Day 1 focused on local history, with tours of historic downtown Flemingsburg and the Fleming County Covered Bridge Museum. Campers enjoyed a scavenger hunt, made homemade butter with pancakes, played old-fashioned games, practiced cursive writing, and even sewed their own pillows with help from volunteers.

Day 2 was all about creativity and exploration at the Extension Office. Campers created mosaic art, painted with spices, and learned about proper handwashing using the GlitterBug machine. They enjoyed lunch from Classic Cravings Food Truck, made fresh salsa on the "smoothie bike" with tortilla chips, and wrapped up with clay figures to take home.

Day 3 closed camp with a fun day outdoors alongside the Fleming County Police Department. Campers learned how to bait hooks and fish with local officers, played vision-goggle games, and took home goodie bags provided by generous local businesses.

Adventure Day Camp would not have been possible without the many volunteers, community partners, and local businesses who gave their time and resources to make this experience memorable for the kids.

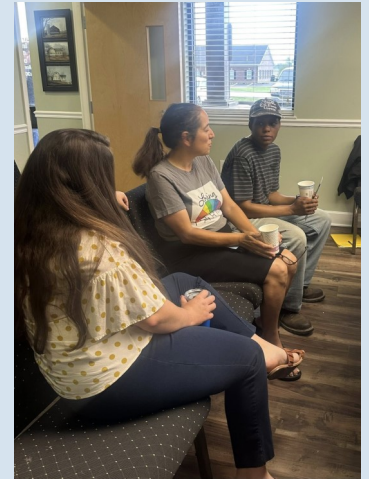


Thank you to everyone who played a role in its success:

Brenda Plummer, Caren Prater, Mary Jane Skaggs, Barbara, Geri & Jimmy Kegley, Melody Galbrath, Joan Bumgardener, Mary Rushing, Staci Thrasher, Katie Fryman, Haylee Marshall, Melanie Jones, Crystal L. McCall Ruark, Katie Fryman, Judge Executive John Sims, Jr., Alan Davis and the staff at Sims Dairy Queen, City of Flemingsburg, Fleming County Police Department, Jacob Hartzel, WhimziWorks, and so many others!



Connections over Coffee



The Fleming County Chamber of Commerce had their Connections over Coffee Networking Event on Friday, July 18, 2025.

We'd like to say a special thank you to Emily Sapp - Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance for sponsoring and hosting this free networking event. A special thank you as well to the representatives of 13 different businesses that came out to participate.



JOIN US FOR...

Connections Over Coffee

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

7:30 A.M - 9:00 A.M



Thank you to **Fleming County Extension Office** for sponsoring our September Coffee Talk!



If you would like to sponsor a Coffee Talk in the future, contact the Chamber Office: [606-845-1223](tel:606-845-1223)

1384 ELIZAVILLE RD, FLEMINGSBURG, KY 41041

Please join us on Friday, September 19th from 7:30 am –9:00 am at the Fleming County Extension Office for Connections over Coffee!

As always, this is a FREE event! Take advantage of your investment in the Chamber.



ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

We are looking forward to seeing our membership join us for dinner and celebrating those who have been nominated- as well as our soon to be announced winners! Congratulations to everyone who was nominated!



SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 27 2025



START AT

6:00 P.M AT ECHO VALLEY WINERY

Live Fundraising Auction

(Preview items on our Facebook Page prior to the auction)



Purchase tickets at our office from Sept 8-19th

165 W. Water Street, Flemingsburg,
KY 41041

**RSVP your Partnership tickets
once you receive them to our
office: 606-845-1223**



Fleming County Chamber of Commerce and Fleming County EMS



will be hosting 4 Separate Non-Medical **CPR and First Aid Training Classes** **American Safety and Health 2 year Certification**

SELECT ONLY 1 DATE

Certification

Date: **Tuesday, March 11th, 2025**

Time: 9am to 1pm (end time will depend on class size)

Location: Fleming County EMS Building on the bypass

Instructor: **Colton McCann**, Paramedic/EMS Instructor

Cost: \$55 per participant



Certification

Date: **Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025**

Time: 9am to 1pm (end time will depend on class size)

Location: Fleming County EMS Building on the bypass

Instructor: **Colton McCann**, Paramedic/EMS Instructor

Cost: \$55 per participant

Certification

Date: **Thursday, August 7th 2025**

Time: 9am to 1pm (end time will depend on class size)

Location: Fleming County EMS Building on the bypass

Instructor: **Colton McCann**, Paramedic/EMS Instructor

Cost: \$55 per participant



Certification

Date: **Thursday, November 13th 2025**

Time: 9am to 1pm (end time will depend on class size)

Location: Fleming County EMS Building on the bypass

Instructor: **Colton McCann**, Paramedic/EMS Instructor

Cost: \$55 per participant

To get signed up for one of these
upcoming training sessions

Call the Fleming County Chamber

606-845-1223

Class sizes are limited to 10 person max

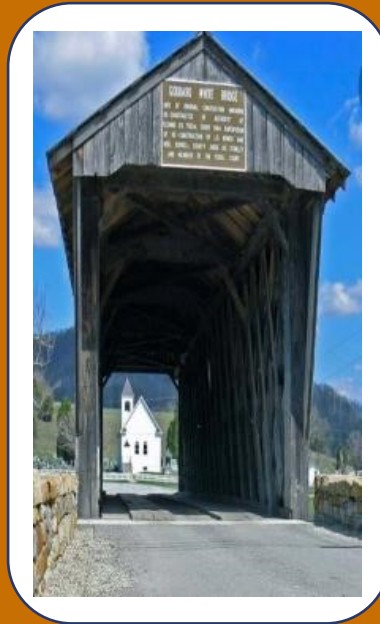
Advance payment required / We can
invoice your place of employment if needed

No Refunds

Upcoming Events

September:

- 1st: Labor Day
- 3rd: Chamber Directors Meeting @ 9:00am
- 8th: City Council Meeting @ 6:00pm
- 9th: Fiscal Court Meeting @ 9:00am
- 10th: Explore FC Meeting @ 8:30am
- 18th: NKY Tourism Meeting @ 10:30am
- 19th: Connections over Coffee sponsored by FC Extension Office @ 7:30-9:00am
- 24th: Interagency Meeting @ 1:00pm
- 27th: Annual Awards Dinner at Echo Valley Winery @ 6:00pm
- 27th: Covered Bridge Museum Quilt Show 10-4
- 28th: Covered Bridge Museum Quilt Show 1-4



**The Fleming
County Covered
Bridge Museum
is open:**

Wednesdays:

10-4

Saturdays:

12-4

(Or by Appointment)

October:

- 1st: Chamber Directors Meeting @ 9:00am
- 3rd: Tractor Parade & Explore FC's Celebration for Restored Wooden Covered Bridges @ 1-4
- 8th: Explore FC Meeting @ 8:30am
- 13th: Columbus Day
- 13th: City Council Meeting @ 6:00pm
- 14th: Fiscal Court Meeting @ 9:00am
- 16th: National Bosses Day
- 23rd: Somernites Covered Bridge Car Cruise
- 24th: Covered Bridge Museum Dinner with the Departed
- 30th: FC Trick or Treat 5-7
- 31st: Halloween

Follow our Facebook Pages:

- Fleming County Chamber of Commerce
 - Discover Flemingsburg
- Sparkle & Shine, It's Christmas Time
 - Fleming County Jobs
- Kentucky Covered Wooden Bridge Trail
- Fleming County Work-Ready Community
 - Explore Fleming County

Follow our other social media sites:

Instagram: [@flemingkychamber](#)

Website: (under construction)

YouTube: [@flemingcountychamberofcommerce](#)